Dr. A. R. Menon.—Why I point out that is that yesterday, though there were many important questions to be answered, we had to stop at half past twelve. So I submit there must be a limit to these discussions.

President.—I will stop my discussion, Mr. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.

Sale of toplings in the Forest Department.

196. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the total measurements of the toplings sold to Messrs. Namberumal Chetty & Sons and C. P. Luiz and the amount realised by the same during the last three years;

(2) was the measurement of either checked on any of the occasions by the audit staff; if so, was there any difference and how much was the difference:

(3) how was the difference brought about;

(4) what was the maximum and minimum girth and length of the logs treated as toplings; what was the average length and girth of the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) (a) Toplings sold to Messrs. Namberumal Chetty & Sons. Candies 3,605—1—7—12 and value realised Rs. 56,235—14—3.

(b) To Mr. Luiz. Nil.

(2) No.

(3) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (2) above.

(4) Length of the longest topling $16\frac{3}{4}$ koles.

Length of the shortest topling $2\frac{1}{4}$ koles.

Quarter girth of the biggest 23 vannams. Quarter girth of the smallest 5 vannams. Average length and quarter girth 8 koles and 7 vannams respectively.

Agreement with Mr. Mugaseth for the supply of timber.

197. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—(1) Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House copies of all agreements during the last 10 years with Mr. Mugaseth for the supply of rose-wood and to state (2) what were the actual expenses incurred by the Government to fell, collect and deliver timber in pursuance of each of the contracts;

(3) what was the total quantity of timber supplied under each of the contracts;

(4) how many logs did the contractor take as first, second, third and fourth class on each occasion;

(5) what is the hill depot measurement of the timber supplied on each occasion;

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(6) has the Government collected any interest from the contractor on any of these occasions; if so, when and what amount; what were the orders passed by Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon as Diwan about this matter?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Copies of agreements are placed on the Council Table.

(2) Since the timber of various coupe collection had been allowed and since the rates of these coupes were not one and the same, it is not possible to say the exact amount incurred. It is not also possible to trace out the names of all the coupes correctly. The highest rate was Rs. 6—8—0 and the lowest Rs. 4—8—0 a candy.

(3) (1) 270 candies.
(2) 382 ,,
(3) 2,275 ,,
(4) 282 ,,
(5) 642 ,,
(6) 427 ,,
(7) 355 ,,
(8) 2,474 ,,

(3) There was no such classification in all sales but only in one which is as follows:—

I. Nil.
II. 316 candies and odd.
III. 707 ,,
IV. 1,251 ,,

(5) 270 candies.
382 ,,
3,371 ,,
519 ,,
640 ,,
427 ,,
355 ,,
2,471 ,,

(6) No interest for items 1 and 2. For 3 to 8 interest has been claimed for delayed payments on the 13th and 29th of Karkadagam 1103. Rs. 1,099—4—8. There are no general orders of Diwan Mr. P. Narayana Menon on the question of interest.

Supply of rose-wood to Mr. Mugaseth.

198. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the agreement with Mr. Mugaseth dated 10th July or thereabout in 1925 for the supply of rose-wood or to state the terms thereof;

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